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SUBJECT: TERRORISM FINANCE: OCTOBER 5 UPDATE ON RSM  
DESIGNATION

REF: A. ALLAN-O'FRIEL EMAIL OF 29SEP06

- [1](#)B. MANILA 4166
- [1](#)C. STATE 153845
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Classified By: (U) Deputy Chief of Mission Paul W. Jones  
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) U.S. Embassy team continued on October 3 its series of meetings with Philippine government counterparts on UN 1267 Committee designation of the Rajah Solaiman Movement (RSM) as an al-Qaida linked terrorist organization. U.S. Treasury's David Meisner joined the discussions in his role as advisor to the Philippine Anti-Money Laundering Council.

[1](#)2. (S/NF) We shared with our counterparts asset leads developed by U.S. Treasury, which S/CT had provided (ref a). The Philippine side welcomed the information, which provided a good starting point for determining the web of RSM finances. An earlier, initial meeting between FBI Special Agent O'Connor and Philippine National Police investigators had been helpful, but had also indicated a need for Philippine National Intelligence Coordinating Agency involvement in order to develop more fully the statement of case against RSM, including establishing RSM's links with foreign financiers.

[1](#)3. (C) Participants agreed to bring Anti-Money Laundering Council representatives into the process to ensure identification of the full range of RSM accounts for freezing. Both U.S. and Philippine law enforcement officials observed that it might take some time to complete the task of identifying all RSM accounts.

[1](#)4. (C) In the interim, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs will prepare the paperwork for the designation package, as well as a communications plan for the eventual announcement. Foreign Affairs Executive Director for UN and International Organizations Torres and Palace Undersecretary Blancaflor said that designating RSM would help prevent radical Islamist movements like RSM from exploiting the over one million Philippine workers in Saudi Arabia.

15. (C) Action request: Embassy would like to reiterate (ref b) that on-site US technical assistance could help speed preparation of the designation package. Please advise.

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